

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 6th, 2024

Silent Key - Ron Skingley EI8GMB

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ron Skingley EI8GMB. Ron passed away at his home in Coomkeen, Co. Cork on September 27th, 2024. We extend our condolences to his partner Rachel, son Duncan, extended family, and friends.

As a mark of respect for the late Ron Skingley EI8GMB, we will now pause for a moment of silence.

News from the IRTS

The latest IRTS Committee meeting took place on Thursday, September 19th. It started at 8 p.m., concluded shortly after 10 p.m., and was held on the Zoom platform. The very well attended meeting was hosted by IRTS President, Enda EI2II. Many items were discussed during the meeting with the following being of major importance to the general membership. The IRTS examination board has appointed a new chairman, John Ronan EI7IG. John takes over the chairman role from Declan Horan EI9FVB. The IRTS would like to thank Declan for the massive amount of time and effort he put into the role as chairman especially as we navigated out of Covid-19 restrictions. The IRTS also wish to acknowledge the appointment of Des Chambers, EI5GT, Deputy head of NUIG IT department to the examination board. Des has over 30 years of 3rd level teaching in communications and networks with a background in electronics and will be a great addition to the team. The IRTS wish both John and Des the very best of luck in their new roles.

As noted earlier this year the IRTS club affiliation process is being overhauled to improve our systems. Going forward, we will be requiring all clubs applying for, or renewing affiliation to complete a form giving the society up to date contact details for each club. This is to enable us to work closer with clubs on promoting the hobby and managing our insurance requirements more efficiently. We are requesting club secretaries to submit current details before the end of October, so we have the information at hand for our 2025 insurance renewal. As many clubs hold AGMs also at the end of the year or early in 2025, we would ask to be notified of any changes. Application/renewal forms can be found on the download section of the IRTS website.

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13th at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club or society may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should

notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie) in advance to ensure notification and links are provided.

IRTS Contest Manager Update

The next and last IRTS contest of the year is the 80m Evening Counties contest using SSB and CW on Tuesday the 8th of October 2024. It runs for one hour starting at 19:00 UTC

Stay tuned to the IRTS contest results webpage where the 2m/70cms Counties contest results are expected to be published over the next few days.

Contest manager Mark EI6JK is very willing to help anyone with logging programs for contests anytime. You can contact him via email at [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie).

VHF/Microwave News

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is planning a Slow Scan Television experiment, scheduled to start on Tuesday the 8th of October 2024 at 16:00 UTC and running through to Monday the 14th of October 2024 at 14:10 UTC. There will be an interruption on 11 October 2024 for planned school contacts over Europe. The ISS radio downlink frequency will be 145.800 MHz FM using the PD120 mode. The ISS will use the callsign RS-Zero-ISS.

A 2m FM simplex net takes place each Thursday night from 8 p.m. in the southern Ireland region on 145.200MHz. It is run by the Patriot Radio Communications Club EI7PRC. All are welcome to call in.

FM nets also take place in the Cork region on Tuesday nights from 9 p.m. rotating through the 2m, 70cm, and 4m bands. On the first Tuesday of the month, you can find activity on 145.475 MHz, 433.475 MHz on the second Tuesday of the month, 70.2625 MHz on the third Tuesday, and using DMR on Talk Group 2723 on the 4th Tuesday.

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South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group is delighted to announce that they will be QRV as Echo India 25 Juliet Oscar Tango Alpha (EI25JOTA) with the 25th Wexford Scouts from October 18th to 20th as part of the 2024 International JOTA/JOTI festival. The group will be active from the beautiful Dunbrody Abbey, which is located just outside Campile in Co. Wexford. More information will follow in the coming days and will be available on www.searg.ie and the club's other social media outlets as well as IRTS news bulletins.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details, please see www.searg.ie

North Dublin Radio Club Update

North Dublin Radio Club will be setting up a Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) station for Malahide Sea Scouts at the scout den in Malahide. More details will be announced when finalised.

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

The next monthly meetings of the club will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the 10th of October in Room 10A05 of the Technological University of the Shannon, Midlands, Midwest at Moylish in Limerick. At the meeting, the club will discuss the formulation of a programme of events up to the end of the year.

At the latest committee meeting, a vote of sympathy was passed to club member Simon Kenny on the recent death of his wife. Simon is well known and respected in the amateur radio community through his work on various areas of activity over many years, most recently as a popular tutor on the National Short Wave Listeners Club HAREC Courses.

Club activation of their station at the Shannon Aviation Museum, callsign EI4SAM, continues each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with 7.123MHz as the initial calling frequency, plus or minus QRM.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Princess Bar, Irishtown Upper, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on Wednesday the 9th of October 2024 at 8 p.m. The Eircode for this venue is E91 PW90. The meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, visit their group website at www.ei7trg.ie

Shannon Basin Radio Club SSB DX Nets

Shannon Basin Radio Club's 80m SSB DX net continues again at 9 p.m. local time on Thursday night next on 3.770 MHz plus or minus QRM. All are very welcome to join in including SWL reports. Further information may be found at www.sbrc.ie or via the club's social media channels.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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